

suant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security. After general debate the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion. No further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to subsequent order of the House.

When said resolution was considered.

On motion of Mr. MCINNIS, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶47.43 DOD AUTHORIZATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, pursuant to House Resolution 435 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. CAMP as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. PEASE assumed the Chair; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. PEASE, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

¶47.44 PROVIDING FOR THE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3616

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-544) the resolution (H. Res. 441) providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶47.45 SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1723. An Act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United

States to remain competitive by increasing the access of United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers; to the committee on the judiciary, and in addition, to the Committee(s) on Education and the Workforce, and the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

¶47.46 ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3565. An Act to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

¶47.47 SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1605. An Act to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement departments.

¶47.48 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. CRANE, for today;

To Mr. BATEMAN, for today and balance of the week;

To Mr. MEEKS of New York, for today and balance of the week;

To Mr. UNDERWOOD, for today and balance of the week; and

To Mr. McNULTY, for today.

And then,

¶47.49 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. MORAN of Kansas, at 11 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶47.50 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2863. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitat, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-542). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. CANADY: Committee on the Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 78. Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-543). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 441. Resolution providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-544). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶47.51 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 3890. A bill to promote democracy and good governance in Nigeria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOODLATTE:

H.R. 3891. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to prohibit the unauthorized destruction, modification, or alteration of product identification codes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RIGGS:

H.R. 3892. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a program to help children and youth learn English, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. GIBBONS):

H.R. 3893. A bill to amend the Crime Control Act of 1990 with respect to the work requirement for Federal prisoners and to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the use of Federal prison labor by nonprofit entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. HOBSON):

H.R. 3894. A bill to reinvigorate science and technology functions of the Department of the Air Force; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut:

H.R. 3895. A bill to provide grants to improve firearms safety, and to provide for the study of the effects of developing firearms technology on firearms safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OWENS (for himself, Mr.

ENGEL, Mr. FORD, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 3896. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to institutions of higher education for postsecondary information technology education and employment assistance projects; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr.

SERRANO, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. CLAY, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. FURSE, Mr. FROST, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. STOKES, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 3897. A bill to provide for programs to develop and implement integrated cockroach management programs in urban communities that are effective in reducing health risks to inner city residents, especially children, suffering from asthma and asthma-related illnesses; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr.

GILMAN, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. COOK, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. DELAY, Mr. COCKSEY, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. RYUN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr.